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IN DEFENSE OF JUDGE MASON

We have read with surprise a communication from the pen of J. W. West, Field Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, published in the Richmond News-Leader of March 30th, purporting to give in detail the operation of the Mann bill in Falmouth and an account of the action of Judge Mason in granting liquor license in that town. We do not propose to enter into a discussion of the merits or demerits of the cause of the Anti-Saloon or saloon people, but we do protest against the injustice done Judge Mason by the writer of the article in question, and the false position in which the judge is placed. Knowing Judge Mason as we do we would repudiate the charge even if we were not acquainted with the facts, but we not only know the judge as a pure and incorruptible jurist and a man of sterling integrity, but we have knowledge of the whole proceeding at first hand, while Mr. West was absent and bases his communication upon hearsay testimony. There was a great conflict of testimony as to the order maintained in Falmouth, which the judge said he could not reconcile, but the petition of the applicant, purporting to contain a majority of the registered voters of the district, was introduced in evidence and time was accorded the contestants' counsel to make an examination of the petition. After they had done so the leading counsel for contestants returned into court and stated to the judge that he raised no objection to the petition being introduced in evidence for what it purported to be, and upon the strength of the petition and statement of counsel the judge resolved whatever doubt there was as to the conflict of testimony in favor of the applicant and granted the license, it having been amply demonstrated that there was sufficient police protection. Judge Mason is an absolute abstainer himself, and in only one instance has he granted license where there has been a contest, and at no time has he granted license to the owner of a saloon. We have only called attention to a few of the inaccuracies contained in Mr. West's letter, but they are sufficient to cause him, if he really has the advancement of the cause for which he speaks at heart, to make proper and speedy amends for the injustice he has done an honorable man and a faithful public official.

Some of our Virginia cities are talking about again starting the old-time agricultural fairs which draw together the farmers, stockraisers and the housewives in an annual gathering to exchange views and adopt the best plans for carrying out their special work. Some of these cities have had such fairs in the past and let them go down and now feel the necessity of bringing them again into existence. Fredericksburg has had such a fair for the past seventeen years and each annual fair makes friends for the society that holds them. This year, as last, we will have a grand horse show and a fair also.

The United States has arranged with San Domingo and there will be no trouble. And the foreign countries who have threatened the little republic have drawn off their war dogs.

It is quite likely that Mrs. Roosevelt will go South on a visit. If so, she will find what genuine Southern hospitality is.

POLITICAL.

Congressman Sloop says it is the intention of the Republican party to put out a full State ticket this fall and to wage an aggressive campaign all over the State.

The friends of Dr. J. H. Cochran, of The Plains, Fauquier county, are urging him to become a candidate for Senator to the next Congress. Dr. Cochran is a delegate to represent Fauquier and Loudoun counties in the next House of Delegates.

The Republicans have been furnished by their State chairman with a "guide to the voters" on a slip of paper. The Republicans are in great glee over the industry of the son of Congressman Sloop sending out circulars, as to "How to register," "Method of poll tax work," "Be sure to do this," etc. The Republican chairman also asks for voluntary subscriptions from officeholders on a basis of 5 per cent of salary.

GENERAL NEWS.

Lodz, Poland, April 1st, 1905. The police commissioner of Stalabowicz was seriously injured today by a bomb.
London, April 1st, 1905. Oxford University won the annual boat race today from Cambridge by four lengths.
Tientsin, N. Y., April 1st, 1905. The local West Shore passenger train was derailed today near Canajoharie. The engineer and fireman were killed.

A Fredericksburg Woman Asks

"have you a floor paint that will last two weeks?" "Yes, we have," answered it. It has a beautiful gloss and will wear two years if properly applied. J. Willard Adams.

Gen. Rosser Improving.

The condition of Gen. Thomas L. Rosser, of Charlottesville, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy on Friday, is improving.

RECTOR WARE INDIGNANT

TROUBLE GROWING OUT OF BAPTIST REVIVAL

Episcopal Minister's Son Whipped by Public School Teacher Under Extraordinary Circumstances.

The State Board of Education has before it an unprecedented subject for decision. The matter grew out of a revival held by Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatch, the Baptist divine, in Culpeper, recently, and the chief complainant is Rev. Josiah Ware, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of Culpeper.

During the revival interest grew so high that the principal of the public school gave the pupils the choice of attending the revival or of remaining at school. So many became interested that at the hour of meeting the school was practically empty.

When the time came to make the announcement at school that all could go who wanted to attend the meeting, Mr. Ware's two boys were among the number to leave the school. The Episcopal minister wrote the principal, complaining that his children were attending the revival and had said they were instructed to do so. He said that if the classes were dismissed he preferred that his children be sent home.

The next time the boys seemed to have become confused, the conflict of cross-purposes, and Kenneth Ware, one of the boys, neither went to the meeting nor remained in school, but played on the outside and did not return to school at all that day.

The professor's inference was that young Ware had taken advantage of the privilege to attend the revival to play truant, and he took him inside the school and administered punishment in the shape of a whipping. When Mr. Ware was told of the intimation of school exercises in favor of the revival, and of the whipping of his son on a charge of falsehood, he withdrew both boys and preferred charges against the principal.

The board of trustees sustained the principal, and now Mr. Ware has brought the matter before the State Board of Education.

He says he means to press the issue in the courts, if necessary, in the interest of public education.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The colored people will hold a Horse Show at Orange August 28th and 29th.

The Virginia race horse T. S. Martin, which won a few days ago at Bennings, came in second on Friday.

The residence of Samuel M. Edwards near Chestnut Fork, Fauquier county, was burned Thursday night. No insurance.

The Baptists of Orange C. H. are taking steps for building a parsonage. One subscription of \$250 has already been made.

P. B. Beach, of Remington, has bought the Williamson farm near Meets, Fauquier county, containing 250 acres at \$11 per acre.

Mr. Robert Hall has received an appointment from the Government to a position on the Panama Canal—Northern News News.

The fine farm of the late Burruss Munday was sold at auction Friday. Mrs. Mary Munday was the purchaser, at \$1,150.—Orange Observer.

Thos. N. Locke, former editor of the Tribune, left Tuesday for Indiana, where he contemplates re-entering the journalistic field.—Mathews Journal.

Gov. Montague Saturday refused to interfere in the case of Charles R. Fishburne, of Roanoke, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for killing Dr. Lelew.

Mr. Robert Scott Hume, son of Hon. Frank Hume, may be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for delegate to the legislature from Alexandria city and county.

Rev. W. H. Book, of Martinsville, will conduct a protracted service at Rappahannock Christian church, at Dumfries, Essex county, beginning Tuesday, July 11.

Judge Grimesley and John A. Holtzman, assistant land assessors for the Western and Eastern districts of Culpeper county, respectively.

Dr. F. F. Nide is making preparations to enlarge the King George House. When completed this hotel will be one of the most attractive houses on the field—Colonial Beach Progress.

Amount of fines paid over to the State Auditor during the past twelve months by Clerk Chilton is \$1,240.10. This is aside from \$1,000 fines assessed at the January and March terms of Lancaster Circuit Court—Virginia Citizen.

Horses belonging to W. L. Maupin, of Virginia, won three times Thursday at Bennings. The horses were trained by Wm. Garth at Charlottesville. Several horses trained by T. B. Dowell, of Hanover, have also won at the Bennings meeting.

Gov. Montague has received a letter from Mrs. Toof, regent of Commodore Perry Chapter, D. A. R., of Memphis, Tenn., asking for assistance in erecting a monument to Mrs. Dorothea Spotswood Henry Winston, who is buried in Elmwood Cemetery at Memphis. The grave is practically unmarked.

Lancaster's board decided not to put into operation this year the special tax on merchants. Richmond and Northumberland counties have levied the tax.

The dredging at the mouth of Carter's Creek will be completed this week. The harbor has an entrance of 15 feet deep and 200 feet wide at low water.—Virginia Citizen.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

He Starts on Trip to Texas and the West. President Roosevelt left Washington at 9 o'clock Monday morning for his Southern and Western trip. He was accompanied by Secretary Loeb, Gen. S. R. M. Young, Lieut. Fortesque, Dr. Lambert and others. The party is traveling in a special train of three cars.

The objective point will be San Antonio, where Mr. Roosevelt will attend the reunion of his old regiment, the Rough Riders, on April 11th. On the way to San Antonio the President will stop at Louisville, St. Louis and several other places. Mr. Roosevelt will hunt wolves between the 8th and 13th in Oklahoma, and will then proceed to Colorado, where the main hunting expedition will be made.

Appomattox Veterans Declare Against the Inscription. The Appomattox Camp Confederate Veterans took action against the unveiling of the North Carolina monument there April 10th, and passed resolutions declining to take part in the exercises because of the inscription on the monument: "First at Bethel, furthest to the front at Gettysburg, and last at Appomattox."

These claims, the Virginia veterans say, are not borne out by history.

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MURDERED WIFE; KILLED HIMSELF

Charles S. Rogers Divorced From a Virginia Woman.

Mrs. Charles S. Rogers was killed by her husband in Los Angeles, Cal., a few days ago and then took his own life. Rogers was divorced from a former wife, who was Miss born N. L. Lane, who lived near Catlett's, in Fauquier county, Va. They were married December 13, 1892. Rogers was then a patent attorney in Washington, but later went to New York, and thence to California. The court gave him custody of their four-year-old child. Mrs. Rogers married again in the spring of 1904 to Charles McLain and is now living at Catlett's. Rogers was insanely jealous over his handsome wife and he murdered her by shooting a bullet through her head and then ended his existence.

Rogers and Mrs. McLain were married in San Bernardino November 25, last.

MARRIAGES.

Edmund P. Hopkins and Miss Nannie J. Dempsey, both of Orange county, were married last Wednesday at Orange C. H. by Rev. A. J. Harlow.

Mr. L. W. Greene and Miss Annie B. Ayler were married recently by Rev. T. F. Grimsley, at Madison C. H.

THREE PERISH IN FIRE

Woman and Children Burned to Death in Albemarle.

The home of W. J. Thompson, six miles from Charlottesville, was destroyed by fire Friday night, and Mrs. Thompson and her two children were consumed in the flames. Mr. Thompson was absent from home.

Candidate For State Supreme Bench. A telegram from Newport News says that Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, his formally announced his candidacy for a position on the bench of the Supreme Court of Virginia and that he will go before the legislature with strong backing.

Defeated Richmond College. Randolph-Macon College baseball team Saturday defeated Richmond College by a score of 14 to 10.

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